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City to Inventory Trees in Warren and Lawrence Townships

INDIANAPOLIS – The City of Indianapolis' Department of Public Works (DPW) announced today that it will perform a partial tree inventory of approximately 15,000 trees and planting spaces on City property in Warren and Lawrence Townships between now and September 30. Crews will gather data on the City's urban forest within the area encompassed by Emerson Avenue on the west, Carroll Road on the east, 46th Street on the north, and Washington Street on the south.

"Evaluating the health and diversity of the City's urban forest helps DPW's Urban Forestry team prioritize tree maintenance needs," DPW Director Lori Miser said. "We will use this inventory to evaluate our forestry needs for this area and plan for the future."

Information being gathered includes the number of trees on City property, the species of trees and current conditions of trees. Urban Foresters will also assess health and maintenance needs, possible problems, presence or absence of insects or diseases, root space, public safety concerns and possible locations for future planting.

The tree inventory is partially funded through two Community and Urban Forestry Grants received by DPW in 2011 and 2012 from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry. DPW has contracted with Davey Resource Group to perform the inventory.